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Regulation No. 40

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**By-laws of the State Energy Crisis Centre**

*Issued pursuant to*

*Section 65, Paragraph one of the Energy Law*

**I. General Provisions**

1. This Regulation prescribes the operational procedures and competences of the State Energy Crisis Centre (hereinafter – the Centre).

2. The Centre is a coordinating and consultative State authority, and its task is to manage measures for crisis prevention and addressing the consequences resulting from the crisis during a declared State energy crisis or in the event of such threat.

[*24 April 2018*]

3. Measures in relation to the prevention of a State energy crisis (hereinafter – the crisis) and addressing the consequences resulting thereform shall be financed from the funds of the State budget. Measures in relation to the overcoming and prevention of a local energy crisis shall be financed from the funds of a local government budget.

**II. Competences of the Centre**

4. The Centre has the following duties:

4.1. during the crisis, to supply energy to the energy users and also to organise operational State aid and support to local governments in the prevention of the crisis and addressing the consequences resulting therefrom in accordance with the procedures set out in legal acts;

4.2. according to the specified groups of energy users and the level of energy crisis, to co-ordinate the supply of energy to energy users and the use of the State emergency stocks of petroleum products;

4.3. to co-ordinate the operation of the energy crisis centres of local governments in accordance with the procedures specified by law;

4.4. if necessary, to form a group of specialists and experts for analysing the crisis and also to invite representatives of any sector of the national economy to participate in the meetings of the Centre;

4.5. after the crisis, to compile, analyse and evaluate the implemented measures and the harm caused by the crisis and also to develop proposals for the mitigation of the risk and possible harm of the crisis in the future;

4.6. to ensure the confidentiality of the information obtained, taking into account economic, trade and official secrets;

4.7. [12 October 2010];

4.8. to prepare and submit proposals in accordance with the procedures specified by the Cabinet on:

4.8.1. the level of the crisis;

4.8.2. the restrictions on energy consumption;

4.8.3. the use of the emergency stocks of fuel;

4.8.4. the acquisition and sale of the fuel owned by energy supply and fuel undertakings, emergency stocks of fuel and emergency stocks of petroleum products.

[*12 October 2010; 24 April 2018*]

5. The Centre has the following rights:

5.1. to represent Latvia in international organisations and international discussions on the provision of aid or cooperation in overcoming and preventing the crisis and addressing the consequences resulting thereform and arising after the crisis, and also to prepare the relevant draft agreements;

5.2. in the event of the crisis or threat thereof, to request and receive free of charge information from legal persons and natural persons that is necessary for the operation of the crisis centre.

[*12 October 2010*]

**III. Structure of the Centre**

6. The head of the Centre (hereinafter – the head) shall be the Minister for Climate and Energy. In the absence of the Minister, the management of the Centre shall be ensured by the State Secretary of the Ministry of Climate and Energy. In the absence of the Minister and State Secretary – the Deputy State Secretary. If all of the abovementioned officials are absent, the management of the Centre shall be ensured by a representative elected from among the members of the Centre in an open vote by a simple majority of votes.

[*10 January 2023*]

7. The secretariat of the Centre shall ensure permanent readiness for work of the Centre, draw up the operational documentation, and prepare the information necessary for the work of the members of the Centre. The material and technical operation of the secretariat of the Centre shall be ensured by the Ministry of Climate and Energy.

[*10 January 2023*]

8. The Centre shall comprise representatives from:

8.1. the Ministry of Economics;

8.2. the Ministry of the Interior;

8.3. the Ministry of Transport;

8.4. the Ministry of Justice;

8.5. the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development;

8.6. the Latvian Association of Local and Regional Governments;

8.7. the Public Utilities Commission;

8.8. *akciju sabiedrība “Augstsprieguma tīkls”* [the joint-stock company Augstsprieguma tīkls];

8.9. *akciju sabiedrība “Latvenergo”* [the joint-stock company Latvenergo];

8.10. *akciju sabiedrība “Gaso”* [the joint-stock company Gaso];

8.11. *akciju sabiedrība “Rīgas siltums”* [the joint-stock company Rīgas siltums];

8.12. *akciju sabiedrība “Sadales tīkls”* [the joint-stock company Sadales tīkls];

8.13 *akciju sabiedrība “Conexus Baltic Grid”* [the joint-stock company Conexus Baltic Grid];

8.14. the National Armed Forces;

8.15. the association *Latvijas Degvielas tirgotāju asociācija* [Latvian Fuel Traders Association];

8.16. the Ministry of Defence;

8.17. the Ministry of Climate and Energy.

[*17 November 2015; 24 April 2018; 18 October 2022; 10 January 2023*]

9. The Prime Minister shall, upon a proposal of the head of the Centre, approve the composition of the Centre. The authorities which have been included in the composition of the Centre shall immediately inform the Ministry of Climate and Energy of the change of the delegated representative. Upon receipt of relevant information, but not more than once per quarter, the head shall submit to the Prime Minister a proposal for amendments in the composition of the Centre.

[*10 January 2023*]

**IV. Operation of the Centre**

10. The head is entitled to convene a meeting of the Centre on the basis of his or her own initiative or a proposal of the members of the Centre. In the absence of the head of the Centre, meeting of the Centre shall be convened by the secretariat of the Centre.

[*24 April 2018*]

11. During the operation of the Centre, the average earnings shall be retained at the place of primary employment for the persons referred to in Paragraph 8 of these By-laws.

12. In order to ensure the readiness of the Centre for work during the crisis, the head shall convene a meeting of the Centre once a year and provide information on the situation in the country as at the commencement of the heating season, as well as on the security of energy sources and fuel.

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